

of this writ, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under the hand of the President of the Senate this 14th day of April, 1899.

J. N. BROWNING,  
President of Senate.

Attest:  
J. P. POOL,  
Secretary Senate.

(Return.)

Came to hand on the 14th day of April, 1899, and executed by reading the within writ to Senator W. T. Burns, and producing him within the Senate Chamber April 15th, 1899, at 10 o'clock, and by telegraphing Senator W. W. Turney and having him in the Senate Chamber at 10 o'clock, April 15th, 1899, and by telephoning Senator Perry J. Lewis and getting the statement from him that it would be unnecessary for me to go to San Antonio, as he would obey the writ without, but subsequently the Senate, by resolution authorizing the President of the Senate to wire a writ of attachment to the sheriff of Bexar county for the said Lewis, which fact was communicated to said Lewis by me by telephone in answer to a question asked me by him.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. H. ALLEN,  
Sergeant-at-Arms of Senate.  
April 15th, 1899.

#### EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Davidson, Senator Turney was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Atlee, Senator Gough was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate last Thursday, on account of sickness.

#### REVOKED.

On motion of Senator Miller, the warrants for the arrest of all absent members were revoked.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

#### SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Monday, April 17, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Burns.    | Miller.  |
| Davidson. | Odell.   |
| Dibrell.  | Potter.  |
| Goss.     | Ross.    |
| Grinnan.  | Terrell. |
| Hanger.   | Turney.  |
| James.    | Wayland. |
| Kerr.     | Yantis.  |
| Linn.     | Yett.    |
| Lloyd.    |          |

Absent.

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Atlee.   | Morriss.   |
| Gough.   | Neal.      |
| Greer.   | Patterson. |
| Johnson. | Stafford.  |
| Lewis.   | Stone.     |
| McGee.   |            |

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

Senator Terrell moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum.

Motion duly seconded, the following Senators answering to their names:

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Burns.    | Miller.  |
| Davidson. | Odell.   |
| Dibrell.  | Potter.  |
| Goss.     | Ross.    |
| Grinnan.  | Terrell. |
| James.    | Turney.  |
| Kerr.     | Wayland. |
| Linn.     | Yantis.  |
| Lloyd.    | Yett.    |

Absent.

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Atlee.   | McGee.     |
| Gough.   | Morriss.   |
| Greer.   | Neal.      |
| Hanger.  | Patterson. |
| Johnson. | Stafford.  |
| Lewis.   | Stone.     |

Absent—Excused.

Sebastian.

Senator Greer was announced.

Senator Hanger was announced.

Senator Linn moved that the Senate adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Adjourned by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

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| Burns.   | Linn.    |
| Dibrell. | Odell.   |
| Greer.   | Ross.    |
| Grinnan. | Turney.  |
| Hanger.  | Wayland. |
| Kerr.    | Yett.    |

Nays—7.

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| Goss.  | Lloyd.  |
| James. | Miller. |

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| Potter.             | Yantis.    |
| Terrell.            |            |
| Present—Not voting. |            |
| Davidson.           |            |
| Absent.             |            |
| Atlee.              | Neal.      |
| Gough.              | Patterson. |
| Johnson.            | Sebastian. |
| Lewis.              | Stafford.  |
| McGee.              | Stone.     |
| Morriss.            |            |

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Burns.    | Miller.  |
| Davidson. | Odell.   |
| Goss.     | Potter.  |
| Greer.    | Ross.    |
| Grinnan.  | Terrell. |
| Hanger.   | Turney.  |
| James.    | Wayland. |
| Kerr.     | Yantis.  |
| Linn.     | Yett.    |
| Lloyd.    |          |

#### Absent.

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Dibrell. | Neal.      |
| Gough.   | Patterson. |
| Johnson. | Sebastian. |
| Lewis.   | Stafford.  |
| McGee.   | Stone.     |
| Morriss. |            |

Senator Ross moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Lost.

On motion of Senator Goss, the Senate took a recess until 3:30.

#### REASONS FOR VOTE.

The following applies to House bill No. 342 (the Dallas city charter bill), passed to a third reading on Saturday, April 15.—JOURNAL CLERK.

"I vote 'no' on the engrossment of the bill providing for a new charter for the city of Dallas for several reasons:

"1st. It provides that this act amends only certain sections of the present charter governing that city; while in fact, the whole bill, widely known as the Dallas city charter bill, is an absolutely new charter entirely in effect. I vote 'no,' because the charter provides that there shall be two commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State of Texas,

clothed with plenary powers absolutely controlling the government of the city of Dallas containing a population, claimed now, to be about 60,000 inhabitants, yet ultimately to be 100,000 in the near future. Giving these two commissioners power to absolutely annul any ordinance passed by the city council of that city and approved by the mayor; besides giving these commissioners other absolute powers, which are absolutely inconsistent with the democratic theory of our government; which is, that all power of government rests with the consent of the governed. I do not think that this act is in accordance with the democratic theory of government, nor do I believe that it is in itself right, because it not only deprives these people of the right of local self-government, but will ultimately deprive them of exercising their own rights under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas, to which, under that Constitution and the laws of Texas, they are of right entitled to.

"2nd. This charter provides that all laws in conflict herewith of the State of Texas shall be annulled. This I do not believe is legal, and can be passed or enacted by the Legislature.

"3rd. This charter, if constitutional, gives the city council of Dallas, whose action can be annulled by two autocrats appointed by the Governor of Texas over 200 miles away from the seat of government of said city, power to annul any ordinance passed by the city council of Dallas, duly approved by the mayor. I can see no reason, therefore, why the necessity of a city council and mayor of Dallas. I think this is undemocratic, and contrary to the doctrines of the Democratic party as taught by Jefferson and adhered to from his time down to this good hour.

"4th. There are other provisions in this charter that I do not ascribe to; in the main, giving that city council and the two commissioners, who have supervision over the city of Dallas, complete and plenary powers over all ordinances in regard to restraining, prohibiting, locating, prescribing and regulating certain businesses within the limits of said city. In fact, the charter is so pernicious that I can not vote for it under any circumstances. I have never been impressed heretofore that such a measure, containing such monstrosities, could be presented to an intelligent body of legislators, as this bill.

"Ross."

#### AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order at 3:30 by Lieutenant-Governor Browning.

Roll called. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Burns.     | Miller.  |
| Davidson.. | Odell.   |
| Goss.      | Potter.  |
| Greer.     | Ross.    |
| Grinnan.   | Terrell. |
| Hanger.    | Turney.  |
| James.     | Wayland. |
| Kerr.      | Yett.    |
| Lloyd.     | Yantis.  |

Absent.

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Atlee.   | Morriss.   |
| Dibrell. | Neal.      |
| Gough.   | Patterson. |
| Johnson. | Sebastian. |
| Lewis.   | Stafford.  |
| Linn.    | Stone.     |
| McGee.   |            |

Senator Yantis moved a call of the Senate for the purpose of securing a quorum.

Motion duly seconded, the following Senators answering to their names:

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Burns.    | Miller.  |
| Davidson. | Odell.   |
| Dibrell.  | Potter.  |
| Goss.     | Ross.    |
| Greer.    | Terrell. |
| Grinnan.  | Turney.  |
| Hanger.   | Wayland. |
| James.    | Yantis.  |
| Kerr.     | Yett.    |
| Lloyd.    |          |

Absent.

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Atlee.   | Morriss.   |
| Gough.   | Neal.      |
| Johnson. | Patterson. |
| Lewis.   | Sebastian. |
| Linn.    | Stafford.  |
| McGee.   | Stone.     |

Senator Odell moved that the Senate take a recess until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, without suspending the call.

Lost.

Senator Ross moved to adjourn until 9:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Lost.

Senator Ross moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 9:55 tomorrow morning.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

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| Burns.   | Odell.   |
| Greer.   | Ross.    |
| Grinnan. | Wayland. |
| Kerr.    |          |

Nays—10.

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| Davidson. | Lloyd.  |
| Goss.     | Miller. |
| James.    | Potter. |

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| Terrell. |
| Turney.  |

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| Yantis. |
| Yett.   |

Present—Not voting.

Hanger.

Absent.

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|----------|------------|
| Atlee.   | Morriss.   |
| Dibrell. | Neal.      |
| Gough.   | Patterson. |
| Johnson. | Sebastian. |
| Lewis.   | Stafford.  |
| Linn.    | Stone.     |
| McGee.   |            |

Senator Davidson moved that the Senate take a recess until tomorrow morning at 9:50, without suspending the call.

Senator Yantis moved as a substitute that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:47½ o'clock.

The substitute was adopted, and the Senate adjourned.

SIXTY-NINTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, Tuesday, April 18, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Lieutenant-Governor Browning in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Burns.    | McGee.     |
| Davidson. | Morriss.   |
| Dibrell.  | Neal.      |
| Goss.     | Odell.     |
| Gough.    | Patterson. |
| Greer.    | Potter.    |
| Grinnan.  | Stafford.  |
| Hanger.   | Terrell.   |
| James.    | Turney.    |
| Kerr.     | Wayland.   |
| Lewis.    | Yantis.    |
| Linn.     | Yett.      |
| Lloyd.    |            |

Absent.

|          |            |
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| Atlee.   | Ross.      |
| Johnson. | Sebastian. |
| Miller.  | Stone.     |

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending reading of the Journal of last Friday, Saturday and yesterday,

On motion of Senator Patterson, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Goss, Senators Stafford and Gough were excused for non-attendance upon the Senate yesterday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, Senator